

**WILL COUNTY BOARD**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**January 14, 2010**

9:00 a.m.

302 North Chicago Street  
County Board Committee Room  
Joliet IL 60432

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Gould called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present were Members:** Babich, Konicki, May, Seiler and Gould.

**Absent were Members:** Blackburn and Riley.

**Also Present:**

**Present from State's Attorney's Office:** M. Tatroe.

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Seiler, second by Mr. Babich, to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Sunny Hill Replacement Hires**

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Seiler, to place the replacement hires for Sunny Hill on the County Board Agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Other New Business**

Mr. Gould commented it is good that private pay rates are going up.

Ms. Sorbero indicated the Medicare rate was up in the December report; in January we broke our own record with the number of days of coverage; our revenues are way up.

Mr. Rafac commented we are continuing to move along and improving the efficiency of the nursing home.

Mr. Gould asked since the operational audit was implemented do you see these reflected in their revenues and expenses.

Mr. Rafac answered as well as the continued opening up of the three completed avenues; as long as we can keep moving forward with the renovations, we could get to the point where we have a waiting list for residents. The progress will be slow at this point going forward; even under a best case scenario it is three to five years.

Ms. Sorbero indicated we are working on a new capital rate through the federal CMS agency. As we start to look at what we are getting reimbursed for Medicare and Medicaid rates, based on the amount of money we have spent on renovations, those rates should go up. Then that money has to be dedicated to on-going capital improvement. We should have our cost report done by the end of February. We have already contacted a firm who has told us the rate is too low; hopefully we will have some good news by June.

Ms. Seiler indicated she had spoken with someone who was very pleased with the care her mother is receiving; she is in for step-down rehab.

Ms. Sorbero explained the process as residents come in for rehab.

Ms. Seiler questioned the average length of stay.

Ms. Sorbero replied it is usually about six weeks with five days of therapy each week; the resident has to show some type of improvement during those six weeks.

Mr. Babich asked Mr. Cicero if any of the health departments are involved in any way for the Haiti earthquake.

Mr. Cicero answered that would go through the state health department for some type of mutual aid supplies or information; at this point there has been no requests made for certain type of vaccines or donation of supplies.

Mr. Figved stated on behalf of the ETSB all board members are invited to a special presentation of the new Emergency Command Center on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Renaissance Center; they will take time for a formal presentation during the ETSB retreat.

Mr. Gould suggested this issue be put on the agenda for the February meeting.

Mr. Figved indicated they are looking at coming in February to ask the County Board for a formal resolution to secure the land on Caton Farm Road from the Illinois Department of Corrections; we have one appraisal and are waiting on the two others.

Mrs. May commented in her subdivision there are ten homes that have hail damage to their roofs; most have different insurance companies, but all of them wanted a date of the hail incident. We have checked with the National Weather Service but there is nothing on record.

Mr. Damron indicated during a weather event the National Weather Service gets information from radar, local police and agencies and communities who put volunteers out in the field as well; the National Weather Service puts all the data into their headquarters; that is where the insurance companies go for their information. If you are not finding any report, which with hail is more of a catch as catch can situation – it might have been more of an isolated storm.

Mr. Cicero stated several months ago we came before the committee regarding a fire code violation with the back up generator. We have solved the problem with the help of the PBC; we are now attached to the generator at Sunny Hill for back up power. This was completed about a month ago. The State Fire Marshall came out and we are now in full compliance; this was much more complicated than expected.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Seiler, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.